

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 03 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 04 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 02 Nov 2021 at 15:26 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold conditions through Wednesday and then for a return to milder weather towards the end of the week. The main uncertainty relates to the severity of conditions on Saturday.

Headline for Wednesday 03 Nov 2021: Feeling very cold, but generally bright or sunny with only isolated showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 03 Nov 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Mist	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	40%	30%	20%	20%	30%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 03 Nov 2021

Weather: Predominantly dry conditions for all ranges, although Glen Coe, the Nevis range as well as Mull may see a few passing showers, these wintry above around 800m. Elsewhere, variable cloud cover will bring bright or sunny spells, the best of these across the Trossachs and Lomond Hills. Dry with clear periods through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% north, 90% south.

Visibility: A few mist or fog patches are possible in the glens of Lomond or the Trossachs at first. Areas of cloud above around 600m will come and go across the northern ranges, but these much more broken in the south.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	21/25 N	23/28 N	26/31 N	26/33 N	26/33 N	25/33 N	27/34 N	26/32 N	24/30 N
900	11/14 NW	13/17 N	15/19 N	17/23 N	18/24 N	18/24 N	17/24 N	16/22 N	15/20 N
600	10/12 NW	15/18 N	14/18 N	16/20 N	16/22 N	16/21 N	15/21 N	11/16 N	11/16 NW
300	6/8 N	6/9 NW	6/9 NW	6/10 NW	10/15 N	12/19 N	7/12 NW	7/11 NW	6/10 NW
Glen	4/9 NW	5/11 NW	5/12 NW	6/14 N	9/17 N	8/17 N	6/14 NW	6/11 NW	6/11 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-10	-3/-11	-3/-12	-3/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-5/-13
900	1/-3	1/-4	0/-5	0/-6	0/-6	0/-6	-1/-7	-1/-7	-2/-8
600	3/-1	3/-2	2/-2	2/-3	3/-2	2/-3	2/-4	1/-3	1/-4
300	5/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	5/2	5/1	4/1	3/0	2/-0
Glen	6/5	6/4	6/4	6/4	8/5	7/5	5/3	5/2	4/2
Freezing Level*	1000m	1000m	900m	800m	800m	800m	700m	700m	600m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note the strong winds on highest ground, combined with sub-zero temperatures will give a risk of significant chill. However, any showers will be few and far between.

Forecast for Thursday 04 Nov 2021

Weather: Any lingering wintry showers along the west coast will fade through the early hours leaving clearer spells and lighter winds and then a cold, bright and frosty start. Fine weather will dominate through daylight hours before northwesterly winds will become westerlies, bringing thicker cloud, patchy rain or summit sleet through evening.

Maximum wind: Northwest 20-25mph gradually backing west 15-20mph through the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% falling 30% through evening.

Visibility: No issues through morning with very little low level cloud, perhaps the odd mist or fog patch in the glens. Cloud will thicken and lower through afternoon, eventually becoming extensive above 400-600m by evening, perhaps lower along the west coast. Drizzly conditions will turn lower slopes increasingly hazy.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 or 3 Celsius, but locally freezing in some sheltered glens, rising to 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising plus 1 Celsius through evening.
Freezing level: 600-800m through the bulk of the day, rising above summits from late afternoon.